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## CHURCH OF GOD, SODDY, TENNESSEE



For the past ten years Brother Marshall Roberson has been an active pastor in Tennessee. He began his pastoral work in the year of 1940 at the Church of God in Grasshopper. He spent two years there that were years of progress for the church. From Grasshopper, Brother Roberson went to Sweetwater to pastor our church there. He was there only a short while until he purchased a nice modern parsonage and a large corner lot and began to build a beautiful stone church. The nice church in Sweetwater will always stand as a monument to the work of Brother Roberson. The church

made great increase in every department, and after two years of progress in Sweetwater, he moved to Sevierville, where he pastored our church for five months and also attended our Church of God Bible School for one year. The Sevierville Church had an increase of fifteen in membership while he was there. Brother Roberson then was assigned the church at Soddy where he is now pastor and has faithfully served four years.

Just recently I had the honor of preaching the dedicatory message in their new church. It is one of the best built churches in our entire move-

ment. A contractor estimated the cost of the building between \$50,000 and \$60,000. But by the united efforts of the fine members of the Soddy Church with their pastor, the brick church, 50x70 feet, with a 14x38-foot vestibule and eight Sunday School rooms, nursery and new pews, was built for less than \$27,000.

The church has also grown spiritually. The membership has increased from 146 to 197; Sunday School from 123 to 251; tithes from \$275.18 a month to \$575.

We certainly commend the splendid work that is being carried on in Soddy.  
—A. V. Beaube, State Overseer.

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## DECLARATION OF FAITH

### WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

## DO YOU NEED A SINGING SCHOOL TEACHER?

Brother J. Cooper Hight, one of the best available, is now open for calls. He is in this work full time and will go anywhere needed. I highly recommend him. You may contact him through my address.—Roland Verrico, 721 14th St., Durham, N. C. Phone 8-7687.

## WHERE ARE THEY?

If members, friends, or relatives from your local church or family who are living in Michigan, and who may be interested in the Church of God, can be contacted by one of our fine pastors, it is quite likely we can render spiritual aid to them.

We should like to have their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and information about their spiritual condition and needs.

This is important. Let us try to keep your friends going on with God. Help us to help them by giving us their addresses, NOW.—M. P. Cross, 751 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak, Mich.

## EVANGEL COUNT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1950

Alabama	807
Arizona	41
Arkansas	235
California	389
Colorado	27
Connecticut	6
Delaware	44
Florida	1,470
Georgia	2,742
Idaho	26
Illinois	274
Indiana	205
Iowa	89
Kansas	82
Kentucky	737
Louisiana	267
Maine	25
Maryland	153
Massachusetts	3
Michigan	441
Minnesota	16
Mississippi	448
Missouri	240
Montana	75
Nebraska	20
Nevada	1
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	30
New Mexico	27
New York	49
North Carolina	3,125
North Dakota	64
Ohio	538
Oklahoma	341
Oregon	36
Pennsylvania	311
Rhode Island	1
South Carolina	2,533
South Dakota	74
Tennessee	1,350
Texas	346
Virginia	492
Washington	52
Washington, D. C.	28
West Virginia	865
Wisconsin	15
Wyoming	3
Central Canada	15
Western Canada	60
Foreign	303
TOTAL	19,522

## NOTICES

To whom it may concern: My permanent address for this Assembly year will be 1227 Northeast Fourth Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. We extend a cordial invitation to all persons passing through or vacationing in or near Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to visit the church and worship with us. A sin-

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cere welcome awaits you. The church is located at 1237 Northeast Fourth Avenue.—Ralph E. Williams, Pastor.

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If you have a friend or relative in the Walker Air Base, Roswell, New Mexico, and I will send me his name and address, I will contact him and endeavor to get him out to church services.—C. E. Neal, 512 South Michigan, Roswell, New Mexico.

## OBITUARY

### BAIRD

Andrew Baird passed away October 3, at the age of 40 years. He had many friends here in Akron, Ohio, especially here at the South Akron Church of God. The body was sent to Elk Valley, Tenn., for burial. Brother Clayton Lawson, General Overseer of the Mountain Assembly Church of God, conducted the funeral.—Mr. A. C. Stanfill, Akron, Ohio.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

### Pray for:

- My husband to be saved and healed; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mittie Walters, Brooklyn, Miss.
- My four-year-old daughter to be healed. She can't walk or talk and is sick all the time.—Mrs. Esther Ramey, Miamisburg, Ohio.
- My eyes to be healed.—A sister, Blacksburg, S. C.
- My daughter to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost; a family; my son-in-law to be saved.—A member, Albany, Ga.
- My mother, a sister, and me to be healed.—Mrs. Robert Copher, Joplin, Mo.
- My nephew; me.—Mrs. Etta Knight, Omaha, Nebr.
- Me to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. Myrtle Whitbaker, Dayton, Ohio.
- My husband and me to get back to the Lord; my healing.—Mrs. Wesley Matheny, Hamden, Ohio.
- My husband and me to be healed.—Mrs. Jim Harris, Marvel, Ala.
- My son who is in the service, that God will save him and bring him back home safely.—Mrs. Lucy Costigan, Christiansburg, Va.
- The healing of my body.—Mrs. Lucille Avent, Cumberland, Miss.
- My husband to be healed of T. B.—A reader, Trion, Ga.
- God to heal my head.—F. E. Newry, Cairo, Ga.
- My home.—David Goff, Martinsville, Va.
- The healing of our bodies; us to have a closer walk with God.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. DeClue, Judsonia, Ark.
- God to undertake for my husband and me; me to have a closer walk with God; my husband to be saved; my parents.—Mrs. Thomas H. Stewart, Gastonia, N. C.



# ... Editorials ...

## THE P. F. N. A.'s THIRD BIRTHDAY

On October 3, 7:30 p. m., ministers and members of various Pentecostal organizations of like precious faith, from practically every state in the United States, Canada, and other foreign countries, assembled in the Ellis Municipal Auditorium in Memphis, Tenn., for the third annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

The first service was dedicated to the youth, with Don Mallough, National C. A. Secretary, in charge. A number of national youth directors, including our own National Youth Director—Lewis J. Willis—were on the platform with the youthful choir and special singers and musicians. The speaker for the evening was Rev. Ralph Hornby, of London, Ontario, Canada. His text, "Then the fire of the Lord fell," 1 Kings 18:38, as well as his sermon, was indeed very inspiring, challenging, and instructive.

The first service on Wednesday morning, the 4th, was at 9:30, and the devotionals were conducted by Rev. Wilson. Following his good message, the P. F. N. A.'s president, Rev. John C. Jernigan, of Roanoke, Va., called the convention to order in its first business session, after which he delivered his annual address. The speaker for the afternoon services was none other than Rev. Earl P. Paulk, state overseer of the Churches of God in North Carolina. His subject was "The Doctrine of the Holy Ghost as Taught in the Word of God," and, of course, it goes without saying, especially with you who are acquainted with Brother Paulk's preaching, he delivered the message in a dynamic, convincing, inspiring manner in his own masterly style.

The speaker for the Wednesday evening service was a minister known by the Pentecostals everywhere as a great preacher, Bishop J. A. Synan, of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Thursday morning devotions were conducted by Rev. W. R. Steelburg, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and his ardent, heart-warming message certainly started us off for a good day.

The election of officers in the business session following the devotion was done in the spirit of unanimity and harmony. Bishop J. A. Synan was elected president; R. O. Dunbar, first vice-president; J. Roswell Flower, second vice-president; Houston R. Morehead, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Church of God, was elected secretary; and E. J. Fulton, treasurer. A detailed report of the convention will be given at a later date. Rev. Frank Smith, of the Church of the Open Bible, was the afternoon speaker; and Evangelist Gayle Jackson, of the Assemblies of God, delivered the closing message Thursday night.

The convention was attended well, considering the limited publicity it was given. Definite plans have been made to assure the next Pentecostal Fellowship of North America convention broader publicity; therefore, it is expected that it will be better attended. I am sure, however, that I express the sentiment of all who attended and had anything to do with the P. F. N. A., when I say that its purposes, plans, and intentions are noble, worthwhile, and deserving of all the support the Pentecostals, both of the ministry and laity, can give to it.

## A PRESENT-DAY GOOD SAMARITAN

Although the Bible gives much and great instruction as to what our responsibility is to our neighbor, along with the commandment "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," there is no other chapter in which we find this so explicitly taught as in the tenth chapter of Luke. That lesson of the good Samaritan's kind treatment of the man who fell at the hands of thieves was not given just to show what that man's duty was and his promptness in doing it, but to show all Christendom what its standing duty is toward its fellow man. Yet, is it not a fact that this great lesson is considered too lightly and, in fact, considered merely as a story that fills up so

much space in the Bible? This is not saying, however, that there are not hundreds of thousands of ministers and laymen who not only recognize their duty to show the good Samaritan, neighborly attitude toward their fellow man, but who do it. In this relation, perhaps the ministers get more credit than the laymen.

I should like to call your attention, in this editorial, however, to one of the thousands of laymen who have proved to be good Samaritans. This good Samaritan is none other than Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. You remember about him, I am sure. During World War I, due to his accomplishments as an aviator, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. You remember reading, also, about his plane crash on Oct. 21, 1942, in the sea north of Samoa. He and his men were stranded and left adrift on a rubber raft for twenty-three days before being rescued. During those twenty-three days, they buried one of their buddies at sea. They read the Testament; they prayed together; they prayed for rain that they might have water to drink—it was given. They were starving to death, and they prayed. A bird lit on one of the crew; they caught it and ate it raw. Finally, the moment of rescue came, and they were saved from the sea. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was saved to serve, to serve as a good neighbor, and this he is doing, not only as president of the Eastern Airlines, but with the Eastern Air Lines. His motto, as president of the Eastern Air Lines, is, "If it will help a human being, do it." Therefore, his planes dash from one part of the country to another, speeding transportation of human eyes for use in operations that enable the blind to see, and finding watermelons in midwinter for treatment of gravely ill children. Eye surgeons estimate that at least 10,000 Americans, or one out of twenty-five of all the blind people in the land, probably could be made to see again through cornea surgery; that is, replacing the damaged cornea which has made an eye sightless, with corneal tissue from a normal eye. Captain Rickenbacker's teamwork with the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration in New York City, means that eyes no longer needed by one person today are giving sight to others, because the eye tissue reaches the eye bank in forty-eight hours.

There are many other things besides the delivery of corneal tissue for sightless eyes and finding watermelons in midwinter for treatment of children. First, Eastern Air Lines offers its facilities to transporting blood, and is ready to step into any emergency situation. The Texas City, Texas, disastrous explosion a few years ago is an illustration. A plane was halted at Houston and flew urgently needed nurses and doctors to the city. Another humanitarian thing his planes do is to give, free of charge, an arranged trip for crippled children anywhere in the United States. Fifty such trips have already been made. Also, on the "human" side is Captain Rickenbacker's interest in veterans who sustained a physical handicap during their service in World War I and II. He made many speeches over the country, insisting that employers employ disabled veterans. Placements in his company have won citations for outstanding service. His plans now are to expand his program so as to help in the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped soldiers returning from Korea. This great man's generosity has also been shown to our youth at home, especially the Boy Scouts, in many ways.

In the face of all the kind deeds Captain Rickenbacker has done as a good Samaritan and good neighbor, separate from business, his company, for the past fifteen years, has operated at a profit. And who could envy this prosperity, or wish for him less, in the light of the humanitarian service he has been rendering along with his courteous passenger service? And further, perhaps the foundation reason for all these kind deeds that Captain Rickenbacker is doing with the company is the fact that he is a religious man. All Eastern planes, it is said, carry aboard a Bible. In all of these things, I am sure, church laymen will agree that Captain Eddie Rickenbacker has set for them a challenging example of what actually constitutes a good Samaritan, and to all it seems reasonable to say that his conduct spells out in plain words the motto "Saved to serve."

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself," Luke 10:27.

# The Gospel of Peace

The great burden laid upon my soul this day is to proclaim the gospel of peace to sinners. Many are busy in our day, as in the days of old, saying to sinners, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace (Jer. 6:14), and are thus sending them to sleep upon the very brink of hell. Oh, that God would awake all such to a sense of their danger and bring them to see their sins!

Are you at peace with God? When I look abroad on this great multitude, my heart burns within me. I am constrained to lift up my voice like a trumpet. If God has not spoken peace to you, I would not be in your place for a thousand worlds. You are hanging over hell. The wrath of God is abiding upon your soul. I know by sad experience what it is to be lulled asleep by a false peace. Long was I asleep; long did I think myself a Christian, when I knew nothing of the Lord Jesus. I used to pray nine times a day. I used to receive the sacrament every Lord's Day; yet I knew nothing of Christ in my heart. I was not a new creature in Christ. I had not been born again. Oh, awake, ye church professors who have a name to live; arouse ye from a false security! You may, perhaps, have honest and outwardly moral lives, but if you depend on that morality, or join your works with your faith in order to justify you before God, you are by this making yourselves your own saviour.

Some may be beginning to think they have been building on a false foundation. Perhaps the devil may strike in and bid you despair of ever being saved. But fear not, there is a Saviour for sinners. It was for sinners that Jesus came. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief," 1 Tim. 1:15. And if you are yourself the chief of sinners, verily Jesus Christ came into the world to save you. We are told that when Joseph was called out of that prison house to Pharaoh's court, he stayed some time to prepare himself. But do come with all your prison clothes about you; come, poor and miserable and blind, as you are, and God will receive you with open arms. Let there be joy in heaven over some of you believing. Let me not go back to my Master and say, "Lord, they will not believe my report."

Why should I despair of any? I can despair of no one, when I consider that Jesus Christ has had mercy on such a wretch as I am. He saw me in my blindness. He passed by me and said to me, "Live." And the same grace which has saved me is ready to save you, also, if you will believe in Jesus Christ, whom God has sent. Look up by faith and see Him whom

your sins have pierced! Behold Him bleeding, dying! Behold Him with arms stretched out ready to receive you! Only believe, and Jesus Christ will be your salvation.

But, it may be asked, can any who are in this church yard, born in a reformed country, be unbelievers? Do not mistake historical belief for a true faith in the heart. Merely to believe that there was such a person as Jesus Christ and such a book as the Bible is not faith any more than to believe there was a Caesar or an Alexander the Great. Faith lays hold on Jesus Christ for personal salvation. It says, "My Saviour, my Lord, and my God." It believes God's record; it receives His Word, even if reason and all else is contrary to it. This is the faith that brings the soul to God: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," Rom. 5:1.—George Whitefield, in *God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate*.

## THE FATHER WAITS FOR THEE

Wanderer from thy Father's home,  
So full of sin, so far away,  
Wilt thou any longer roam?  
Oh, wilt thou not return today?  
Wilt thou? Oh, He knows it all,  
Thy Father sees, He meets thee here!  
Wilt thou? Hear His tender call,  
Return, return, while He is near.

He is here! His loving voice  
Hath reached thee, though so far  
away!

He is waiting to rejoice,  
O wandering one, o'er thee today.  
Waiting, waiting to bestow  
His perfect pardon, full and free;  
Waiting, waiting, till thou'lt know  
His wealth of love for thee, for thee!

Rise and go! Thy Father waits  
To welcome and receive and bless;  
Thou shalt tread His palace gates  
In royal robes of righteousness.  
Thine heart shall be His heart of love,  
And thine His smile, and thine His home,

Thine His joy—all joys above—  
O wandering child, no longer roam!

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

## PERCEIVING GOD

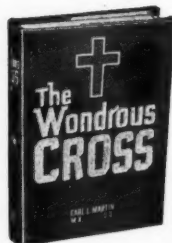
"Being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform," Rom. 4:21.

The promises are to our hearts a help to the realization of the Lord Himself. The child of God, when he believes the promise, is brought to feel that God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Our tendency is to get away from a real God. We live and move in the region of materialism, and we are apt to be enthralled by its influences. We feel these bodies to be real when we have pain in them, and this world to be real when we are weighted with its crosses; yet the body is a poor tent and the world a mere bubble. These visible things are unsubstantial, but they appear sadly solid

to us. What we need is to know the invisible to be quite as real as that which is seen, and even more so. We need a living God in this dying world, and we must have Him truly near us, or we shall fall. The Lord is training His children to perceive Himself; the promise is part of this educational process. When the Lord gives us faith, and we rest on His promise, then we are brought face to face with Him. We ask, "Who gave this promise? Who is to fulfil this promise?" and our thoughts are thus led into the presence of the glorious Jehovah. We feel how necessary He is to the whole system of our spiritual life; how truly He enters into it, so that in Him we live, and move, and have our being.—Charles H. Spurgeon, in *God's Revivalist and Bible Advocate*.

## The Wondrous Cross

By Earl L. Martin



The Wondrous Cross is a fresh examination of a subject of perennial interest to all Christian people. With great skill the author has woven into this book practically all the material in the New Testament that refers to the atonement. As a result the book is rich in biblical content and the specific imagery of the New Testament. Here is an interpretation both vital and reverent, fresh and evangelical.

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# Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE  
WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent, Sevierville, Tennessee

Our school activities are in full swing. From all appearances, we shall have one of the best years in our history. There are 175 enrolled in our elementary school. These classes meet on our campus in the Administration Building. Twenty-two of our boys and girls are in high school. A number of our children are leaders in their respective classes. Several high-school students hold Beta Club membership, which means their average is over 90 per cent.

The Orphanage Band is progressing very nicely. We have about sixty-five children participating in our band program. The plan is to have a thirty-five-piece band for concert work. Ten of our high-school students are already playing in the Sevier County High School Band.

We greatly appreciate the loyal support of those on the field who make this noble work possible. With the approaching winter season, we can use any wearable coat or jacket that your children may have outgrown. The ages of our children range from 3 to 19. Send them to: CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE, SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE.

Nine railroad cars of coal have been unloaded on the lot alongside the boiler house, so we are ready to keep our children warm and comfortable during the winter. Several weeks ago some visitors from Florida remarked that they didn't ever remember seeing so much coal in one pile, and took pictures of it.

The Orphanage Handbook, containing our operational policies and a number of pictures of the children taken during the summer months, is available to all who will write for it. These are the booklets which were distributed during the Assembly. They will be very helpful in acquainting the public with our work, also in raising Orphanage quotas. Write us, stating the number you desire, and we shall be happy to send them to you.

## DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

July, August, September, 1950

Mrs. Agnes Patsey, 226 W. 6th St., Ada, Okla.—Box clothing.

Mrs. Zollie Martin, 504 N. Wilson St., Delphi, Ind.—Literature.

Mrs. Theresa Stumpf, 1469 Marion St., Lincoln Park 25, Mich.—3 boxes used and new clothing, etc.

C. G. Coggins, Tifton, Ga.—300 lbs. comb honey.

Mrs. Laura Bryant, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.—5 washcloths; 5 bars soap.

Mrs. Martha Ware, 957 Orrin St., Akron 20, Ohio—Box used clothing.

Mrs. Kathleen Warren, 588 Cooper St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.—Box used clothing.

Mrs. Ruth Musgrave, Burnt Prairie, Ill.—10 suits underwear.

Mrs. Sue N. Reinhardt, Newport, Tenn.—Box used and new clothing; towel; washcloths.

Mrs. Leonard Davis, Millry, Ala.—Box used clothing.

Methodist Youth Rally, Sevierville, Tenn.—Cookies.

C. Chegwin, Mayfield, N. Y.—57 prs. leather gloves.

Rev. J. L. Holland, 213 Boucher St., Bennettsville, S. C.—Box used and new clothing; towels; shoes.

Snack House No. 2, Cleveland, Tenn.—3 boxes Curtis fruit drops.

Mrs. Josephine Shaper, 2129 Lambert St., Middletown, Ohio—Box used clothing.

Church of God, Maud, Okla.—1 quilt; 3 prs. pillowcases; buttons; used clothing.

## Some Things to Think About . . .

### FOUR TIMES MORE SPENT FOR TOBACCO THAN RELIGION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The average American, smoker and nonsmoker alike, spent \$28 for smoking tobacco in 1948. This average American smoker spent \$62.

Such is the revelation of C. Aubrey Hearn, of Nashville, in his new booklet "What About Smoking?"

(The average American in 1948 contributed only \$6 to all religious causes, and the average American church member contributed only \$24 to all religious causes, according to United Stewardship Councils statistics.)

The publication by Hearn also reveals that the smoking habit has so conquered the American people that the sale of cigarettes has doubled since 1939, and is 130 times that of 1914.

In fact, Hearn's figures reveal: In 1914 there were 3 billion cigarettes manufactured in the United States, but in 1918 this figure had jumped to 46 billion; by 1928 the number had increased to 106 billion. In 1935 the number had reached 140 billion; in 1940, 186 billion; in 1945, 332 billion; and in 1948, 388 billion.

The average American smoker consumes 17 cigarettes a day. This amounts to an individual expenditure of \$62 a year—which sum, with interest, would reach almost \$750 in 10 years.

### EMPTIED OF SELF AND FILLED WITH GOD

John the Baptist: "... filled with the Holy Ghost ... from his mother's womb." Luke 1:15.  
Jesus Christ, our Lord: "... And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned." Luke 4:1.

"In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Col. 2:9.

Peter: "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them." Acts 4:8.

Paul: "... that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 9:17.

"Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, set

## IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK

By MRS. J. T. (NORA BELL) HANVEY

The sun is swiftly going down,  
The day is almost through;  
There's so little time left to work  
When there's so much to do.  
So many souls are yet unsaved,  
In sin's dark sea they sink;  
Let's hurry out and rescue them,  
It's later than you think.

Don't stand idle or fall asleep,  
Oh, awake, toil, and pray!  
The shades of night are falling fast,  
Let's hurry while it's day.  
Millions wandering far from God,  
In sin's quicksands they sink;  
We must rush if they are to live,  
It's later than you think.

The world is running to and fro,  
Great knowledge has increased;  
Men's hearts have failed because of fear  
While they have cried for peace.  
The war clouds are again in sight,  
Our hearts within us sink;  
Great sorrow is upon the world,  
It's later than you think.

Our Lord foretold it long ago,  
And all the prophets, too;  
He left for us encouraging words,  
Told us just what to do.  
"When these things come to pass,"  
He said,

"You're on the very brink;  
Look up, your redemption draweth nigh,"  
It's later than you think.

eyes on him." Acts 13:9.

Stephen: "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven." Acts 7:55.

Barnabas: "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." Acts 11:24.

Early Disciples: "And the disciples were filled ... with the Holy Ghost." Acts 13:52.

Deacons: "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Acts 6:3.

A Prayer: "... that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:19.

A Testimony: "And of his fulness have all we received." John 1:16.

An Exhortation: "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.

## TO AN OLD BIBLE

"By soft lamplight, how many an ended day  
In private benediction you have dressed,  
And with immortal music healed away  
All ills of thought, leaving the heart at rest!"

"Your company, how oft a truer peace,  
A fresher strength, have brought to body  
and mind,  
Than human hand or human voice release,  
Or may be found aught of human kind!"

"How deep the spirit-debt to you men owe,  
What harborage you lent a world of storm,  
What miracles of counsel you perform,  
Mortals like men can never really know  
Until, in evening's private hour, is heard  
The matchless beauty of your ageless word."  
(Lister Alwood)

## Power of God

1. Power to Give (2 Peter 1:3).
2. Power to Keep (1 Peter 1:5).
3. Power to Uphold (Heb. 1:3).
4. Power to Calm (Col. 1:11).
5. Power to Equip (Eph. 6:10).
6. Power to Prepare (Eph. 3:16).
7. Power to Use (Acts 1:8).



# As They Saw the Third Annual Convention of P. F. N. A.

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America again held its annual convention, which was the third. These occasions afford us opportunity to meet others of like precious faith and renew old acquaintances, remembering our blessed times of fellowship.

In Memphis, Tennessee, for two days and three nights, Pentecostal leaders of North America and Canada, one from London, England, and the Secretary of the World Pentecostal Fellowship, David J. du Plessis, met and exchanged ideas as to how Pentecostals could work together around the world in carrying out the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The fellowship was excellent, and the preaching was superb. Our souls were blessed, and our hearts were stirred, as those men of God His message unfurled. A great meeting and a great cause; a great fellowship, that affected all.

Brothers J. C. Jernigan, J. R. Flower, H. P. Courtney, E. J. Fulton, and H. T. Spence, as officers from the beginning, have brought us hence and were succeeded by Brothers J. A. Synan, O. Dunbar, J. R. Flower, E. J. Fulton, and H. R. Morehead, to guide us into greater fellowship just ahead.

Two new committees added this year makes the Fellowship broader in its scope—radio and publications for advertisement of the Fellowship, which will give the devil another jolt.

To spread the good news by wave and by line becomes your duty and mine, until the hearts of all nations this Fellowship doth entwine.—H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America was a great step forward in the fulfillment of that portion of the Lord's Prayer as recorded in the Gospel of St. John, 17:21, "That they all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

The fellowship and unity was, indeed, far removed from the awful struggle and disunity of a war-torn, suffering world. It was, indeed, refreshing to fellowship with this great gathering of fundamental Pentecostal groups throughout North America, and to enjoy the fellowship and spiritual feast of good things, in the midst of a Christ-centered, Spirit-filled body of believers, who placed the emphasis of Pentecost upon all their devotions—in their greetings, their songs, their sermons; one was ever conscious of the fact that he was mingling with Spirit-filled saints of God—brethren of like precious faith.—Houston R. Morehead, General Secretary and Treasurer.

One of the more evident facts clearly depicted in the recent conference of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, held in Memphis, Tennessee, October 3-5, was that Pentecostal youth is fully aware of its place in

world responsibility today.

The confident, enthusiastic, and yet consecrated manner in which the great youth service was conducted bespoke a clear concept, on the part of the national youth leaders, of the vitals in aggressive Christian living. The competent directorship of Don Mallough, of the Assembly of God, added much to the rally. His cordial solicitude made it easy for the representatives of the other Pentecostal groups to join in making the service sweet in old-fashioned worship, yet fresh with the spirit of awakened youth. The dynamic message by Rev. Ralph Hornby, of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, brought a compelling challenge as he preached on "Then the Fire of the Lord Fell." The rally concluded in a shower of the glory of God, with the delegates praising the Christ that they were participants in this baptism of holy fire!

The sessions of the Youth Committee were very much alive as the members exploited the strength of Christian brotherhood. In these meetings the usual buoyancy of youth was replaced by earnest sobriety, as the youth leaders mapped a campaign of Pentecostal cooperation against present-day evils of youth. The committee chose as its chairman C. F. Montgomery, of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and as its secretary Lewis J. Willis, of the Church of God.

The reluctance to adjourn bespoke the kindred spirit that was fostered during the meeting. The spirit of us all, as we separated to our respective organizations, was to labor together in reaching the masses with the Pentecostal message.—Lewis J. Willis, National Youth Director.

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America was organized

"To give expression to the inherent principles of spiritual unity and fellowship of Pentecostal believers, leaving inviolate the existing forms of church government adopted by its members; and recognizing that every freedom and privilege enjoyed by any church or group of churches shall remain their undisturbed possession;

"To provide a vehicle of expression and coordination of effort in matters common to all member bodies,

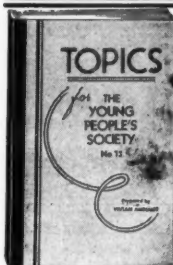
including missionary and evangelistic effort throughout the world.

"To demonstrate to the world the essential unity of Spirit-baptized believers, fulfilling the prayer of the Lord Jesus 'that they all may be one.'"

The writer was privileged to be a delegate to this great fellowship which convened in the Municipal Auditorium, Memphis, Tennessee, October 3-5. It was marvelous to observe the unity and oneness of purpose and heart that prevailed throughout the convention.

The officials and delegates represented some ten or twelve Pentecostal movements of North America, with different backgrounds, environments and training, but it did not take one long to see that they all believe in and are striving for a closer walk with our blessed Lord and more understanding among us all; thus, causing our Lord's prayer to be fulfilled "that we all may be one." With such God-fearing, anointed, capable leadership, this great fellowship is sure to go forward, gain momentum, bless this great continent, preach the full gospel, and lift up the blood-stained banner of our risen Lord, until He can see His image in the church and come for us. God bless every blood-washed, Spirit-filled minister of the full gospel is our prayer.—A. V. Beaubé, State Overseer of Tennessee.

It was my happy privilege to attend the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America Convention, October 3-5, in the great city of Memphis, Tennessee, and I can sincerely say it was a great meeting. There were Pentecostal saints from the various parts of the United States and Canada, with some visitors from Europe and other foreign countries. Their handshakes were warm and genuine, and the wonderful spirit of fellowship seemed to permeate the air all about us. The anointing of the Holy Spirit seemed to rest on each speaker as he lifted our souls heavenward with his wonderful message of Pentecostal truth. I am sure this great meeting will find an important place in the book of most precious memories of all who were privileged to attend.—J. Frank Spivey, Pastor, North Cleveland, Tennessee, Church of God.



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## They Say...

### LOOKING FOR THE GOOD

Anybody can point out anybody else's bad qualities. If you want to distinguish yourself, go around pointing out good qualities.

Pick out the man whom every one dislikes. Select the one you feel could best be spared from your office, from your circle of acquaintances, from the community in which you live. Ask yourself if there is not something good about him.

Put him on a mental dissecting table. Cut him to pieces and see what is in him. Remember—you are looking for the good. Throw away the bad in him and forget it. Make a list of his good qualities. It will surprise you how many you can find.

The next time you hear him criticized, tell people the things you know about him—the good things. You will at least be different and you will find that it does you more good than it does him.

How would you feel if you knew that people whenever they talked about you talked only about what was bad in you? You know it is there, plenty of it, but you would rather not have it talked about. It is much nicer to have only your good points discussed.

Give the other fellow the kind of a deal you would like to have yourself. If you can say nothing good about him, say nothing.

There are mighty few people in the world we cannot say something good about if we try. The trouble is, we do not try.

And yet, the more good you find in other people, the more good other people find in you.—Christian Work and Evangelist.

### INWARD JOY

The inward joy and power of our lives, in every sphere, comes from the discovery that its highest obligation rests at last upon the law of gratitude. In every tie that binds us we are made free and glad to serve when we recognize that we have been "bought with a price."—Henry Van Dyke.

### HALF-HEARTED

One who starts out in business in a half-hearted way, without enthusiasm, or confidence in his ability to succeed is sure to be a failure.

Nothing great is ever accomplished without enthusiasm, energetic persistence, and a determination to do the right thing regardless of obstacles. A weak, vacillating person, a half-hearted man, excites no admiration or enthusiasm. Nobody believes in him. It is the energetic, dead-in-earnest man who creates confidence, and, without the confidence of others it is difficult to succeed.

No matter what you undertake, do it in a wholehearted way. Concentrate all your power on it, if you are only writing a letter or doing the chores. Be a whole man at whatever you attempt, otherwise you will form loose, indolent habits, which will threaten your success all along life's journey.—Sel.

### KEEP SWEET!

DR. A. B. SIMPSON

There's a little secret worth its weight in gold;  
Easy to remember, easy to be told;  
Changing into blessing every curve we meet,  
Turning earth to heaven: This is all—  
Keep sweet!

Make us kind and gentle, harmless as the dove;  
Giving good for evil, meeting hate with love;  
What though trials press us, what though tempests beat;  
Naught can move or harm us, if we just  
Keep sweet!

Sweet, when things are bitter; sweet, when things are sad;  
Giving songs for sighing, making others glad;  
In the quiet household, on the bustling street,  
Everywhere and always, "Jesus, keep us sweet!"

### INDIVIDUALITY RETAINED

The Holy Spirit does not interfere with our separate individualities or make us into different people. Those who are most fully under His

influence will be the most natural people in the world. But they will live out their nature with a new power and grace. What the Spirit does is to give us a new quality of life. Our lives will be governed, not by mere obedience to an outward law, or even by the imitation of the example of Christ, but by the response of faith to the Spirit within. We will walk no longer after the flesh but after the Spirit. And as we do so, living our lives quite naturally, that gracious Guest within us will silently, unobtrusively communicate to all the outward expression of life the fragrance of the presence and character of our Lord. In the mold of our separate personalities He reproduces the life of Christ.—Selected.

### A HOLY LIFE

A holy life is made up of a number of small things. Little words, not eloquent speeches or sermons; little deeds, not miracles, nor battles, nor one great heroic act, nor martyrdom, make up the true Christian life. The little constant unbeam, not the lightning; the waters of Siloam, "that go softly" in their mission of refreshment, not "the waters of the river, great and many," rushing down in torrent noise and force, are the true symbols of a holy life. The avoidance of little evils, little sins, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, little indiscretions, little imprudences, little foibles, little indulgences of self and of the flesh—the avoidance of such little things as these goes far to make up, at least, the negative beauty of a holy life.—The Consecrated Life.

### SPARKS FROM OVERSEER RAFFERTY'S ANVIL

As soon as a man begins to go wrong it makes him feel good to doubt the Bible and people who are living right.

The strongest opposition to the cause of God often comes from those who are pillars in the Lord's house.

When some people say they are willing to do anything for Christ, they mean anything they can do without sacrifice.

In proportion as a preacher fishes for compliments he loses his ability to fish for men.

If a preacher is never convicted by his own preaching, how does he know he is preaching the gospel?

A good sermon will outlive the preacher.

A revival is needed when it almost splits the church to preach the old-fashioned gospel.

### REAL RIGHTS

Mary E. Tongue

"I have a perfect right," you say.

"To do the things I do,

To be with whom I wish to be;

And who, then, shall dictate to me?

Or say where I shall go?"

But you forget you're not your own;

For you a price was paid—

A price One only could afford,

And then a charge to serve your Lord

Was surely on you laid.

And if the things you wish to do

Will cause another pain,

Have you the "right" to add to grief?

Should not you rather give relief?

Think over it again.

Once more: Will you insist on "rights"

And weak ones hindered be?

O Lord! Do Thou our actions guard

That we may never make it hard

For souls to follow thee.

(From "The War Cry.")

### COVETOUSNESS

Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.—Luke 12:15. Covetousness looms large through the gospels; in good men like Zaccheus; among relations who quarreled over their father's will; in rich fools who built barns, and poor fools who followed because of the loaves; in religious men who turned God's house into a commercial proposition; and in Puritans who distrained on widows' houses; yea, and in disciples who coveted chief places in the kingdom, and in him who kept the purse and whose name is anathema forever for the sake of thirty pieces of silver.—W. E. H.

### DO YOU KNOW THAT

In mission lands the heathen population is still increasing far faster than the Christian population?

"Of China's original eighteen provinces, one-quarter of the total area is still unclaimed as the field of any mission, while many parts of the remaining three-fourths are yet unworked?"

If one thousand missionaries were today to land in India, each one could have a parish all his own of five hundred and fifty villages?

Apart from a few tiny points of light, an area of four million square miles in the heart of Asia, with a population of thirty-four million, still lies in unrelieved spiritual darkness?

Arabia, with a population of seven million, has less than fifty openly confessed Christians?

The latest Conference on Moslem Missions characterized the Moslem advance in Africa as perhaps the largest world missionary problem confronting the whole Church?

The heart of South America is "the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world?"

—First Baptist Reminder,  
Dallas, Texas.

### REVIVAL

FT. PIERCE, Fla.—We praise God for a wonderful revival conducted by Sister Anne Glow, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Everyone who knows Sister Glow must know that surely she is inspired of God in her work. She was a special blessing to the young people. There were 20 or more saved, 15 to 17 sanctified, and 13 filled with the Holy Ghost. One night some of the sisters saw a mist, that looked like smoke or a fine spray, come in the back door of the church, hover around over the altar, then vanish.

Sister Musselwhite, our pastor's wife, became seriously ill just before the revival was scheduled to start. She was in the hospital for a while before and during the revival. The doctors said she probably never would leave the hospital, but the people prayed and fasted. One or two days after the revival closed she was at home and soon up doing her work. God is gracious, good, and merciful to us.

We have begun a new year with a new pastor. We are praying for the greatest year in the history of the church here. Brother C. A. Drymon is our pastor, and already God has set His approval on every service. This past week our young girls were fired with new zeal. They organized a young Willing Workers' Band, and plan to help with improvements on the church. Help us pray that God will richly bless their efforts.—Mrs. W. B. Hammond.

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↑ R. R. SEYDA AND HERMAN LAUSTER BAPTIZING IN A SHALLOW STREAM

PLUEDERHANSEN CHURCH AND CONGREGATION (12 miles from Krehwinkel)



God is blessing; the church progressing; the devil releasing; heaven rejoicing! Thirty-two were baptized in the city of Tailfingen, and 60 at Krehwinkel. A new church was organized with 49 members.

Revivals and the Bible School are working hand in hand for the salvation of the lost. Young men and women are finding God in the revivals, receiving training in Bible School, and going out starting more revivals to get more workers to take training to carry on more revival campaigns. Rev. Robert R. Seyda, the president of the school, is doing a great work. The Bible School is better in every way. God is blessing and more ministers are coming for training.

In waters shallow and in waters deep new converts are buried with Him in baptism. Brothers Seyda and Lauster make a great team, working wonderfully well together.

**BACKNANG:** While a good revival was in progress at Backnang, the tent became too small. Therefore, a barrack was bought for \$300, which doubled the seating capacity and made a good movable tabernacle, with three rooms in the rear for the minister's living quarters. Backnang is a good industrial town, a new territory where a church is to be organized soon.

**TAILFINGEN:** From Backnang, Brother Lauster took the tent to Tailfingen (population 15,000). Here after a good revival they organized a new church with 49 members; 32 were baptized in water, 25 sanctified, and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost. There are several more there now ready to be baptized and added to the church. (The group is shown in second picture from top on right.) Tailfingen is close to Burg Hohenzol-

lern (see picture at bottom). This castle is over 2,600 feet above sea level, with an enchanting view of all the surrounding mountain scenery. This is known as the "House of the Hohenzollern," where for centuries the German Kaisers, the Caesars of Germany, lived. You remember Kaiser Wilhelm II. This was his castle, also. The Crown Prince still lives there. The Kaisers long ago were forced to release their efforts to conquer the whole world. I think it is significant that now, only a few miles from this mountain castle, a Church of God revival is in progress, and definite plans are under way for a permanent church. A brother gave to the church a lot for which he refused \$2,000. The brethren declare we will start a church building in the spring, the Lord willing.

**EBINGEN** is near Tailfingen, "Where," Brother Lauster writes, "I'm going night after night to start a revival to call out a people for His name." This is a new territory about 40 miles from the German-Swiss bor-

# V Is for Victory

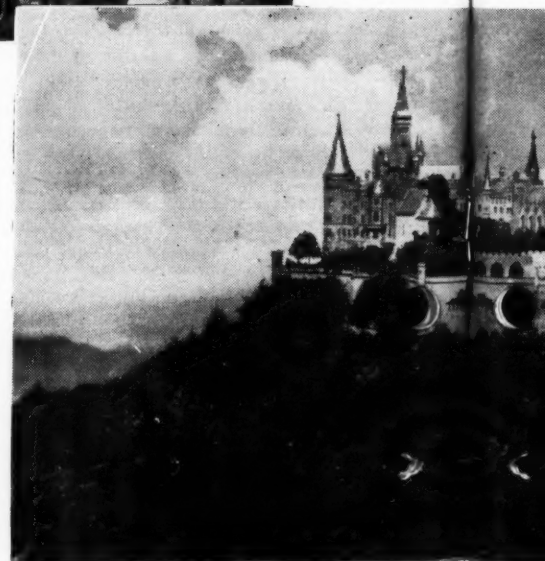
der at the "Bodenese," a large, beautiful lake that forms part of the boundary between the countries.

**DENKENDORF:** Here the whole church is working. The Young People's Endeavor loaned its money (\$200) to Brother Lauster to start the church building there. The Y. P. E. had saved this money to buy a bus so the group could attend and help in the revivals in the neighboring towns. In Germany, when a revival is anywhere near, the Christian young people come for miles around. They go right up to the front without being asked the second time. They do all they can in making music, singing, and testifying, and God richly blesses them. The bus they had planned to buy costs \$2,000. Putting it in Brother Lauster's words: "So, because this was not enough to buy a bus, we used it to start this new church building at Denkendorf. I did this in agreement with our young people, to make this money useful, till we have more to buy the small German bus, which costs \$2,000. I DID IT, ALSO,

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IN GOOD FAITH, THAT WE GET SOME BUILDING FUND MONEY FROM OUR BIG BROTHERS ACROSS THE OCEAN. This new church building is well on its way; we had to stop only having no money. Brother Helmut Bertal's father gave us a lot on which the building is being erected, after he had been offered \$2,000 for it. By faith we have started to build."

Already they have over \$2,000 invested in the new building. The young people are so eager to go to the revivals and have gathered some more money on their bus. Brother Lauster says they call to him on the street, "Hello, Brother Lauster, we want our omnibus now. We gather some more money for it, but you must give us the money you used for the building." "So," he writes, "you see, I'm in a tight place, but I trust God and our big brothers over the ocean who are going to help us further."

WINNENDEN: In the revival at Winnenden a railroad engineer was gloriously converted. His daughter had

CROWN PRINCE, BROTHER LAUSTER, AND SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AT BURG HOHENZOLLERN



GROUP OF NEW CHURCH MEMBERS AT TAILFINGEN

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married a Lutheran pastor who at first was very much against his father-in-law attending the Pentecostal church, but immediately he saw what a wonderful change had been made in the engineer, so he began to investigate. He visited Brother and Sister Lauster's home and discussed religion at length. After attending the church services several times, he went again to the home, and they talked and prayed nearly all day. Well, now the Lutheran pastor is earnestly praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will answer their prayers soon.

DEVIL IS BUSY: There is no need to ask if the devil tries to defeat the work of God. Current rumors in certain places in Western Germany are that the Communists are saying that as soon as they are in power they will hang the Lausters on the gallows, meaning, however, the Church of God people, for many refer to the Church people as "the Lausters."

Recently Sister Lauster, although many miles away, was suddenly awakened and, sensing that Brother Lauster

was in trouble, earnestly prayed for him. Little did she know that after the night service that same night, a band of men outside the tent, led by a tobacco salesman, had surrounded Brother Lauster. Becoming more and more enraged, they were about to take him, when a woman pushed her way through the circle and grabbed hold of Brother Lauster, and by pulling him away and pushing him into her car rescued him. Later, after learning that these evil men had planned to kill him, he realized this woman was sent as an angel of mercy to rescue him.

WORKING TOGETHER: Again let me give you the words of Brother Lauster: "Brother Seyda is at present time engaged with another Bible School. . . . We have sweet fellowship together and work hand in hand. Brother Seyda is altogether different from what he was the first time he came here. Each one appreciates the other one and we work 'yust' like a team to pull the load together. He has realized to handle the German people is to be one of them. This is, for an American, not so easy. So the Lord has been wonderfully with us, and we have tried to work together, each in his place as God has called us and are loving one another."

May I plead with some of you pastors in the United States to take up with your church this worthy work in Germany. Go beyond the line of your duty (your budget). Soldiers receive the medals of honor for going beyond the line of duty. Be a brave soldier. All funds designated for the mission fields are being sent immediately as requested.

Earnestly pray for the work in Germany.—J. H. Walker, Sr., Executive Missions Secretary.

## HOME-COMING AT HUNTSVILLE, ALA.



This is a picture of the Huntsville Church members and friends on their last home-coming day. The pastor, Rev. Willard Williamson, is second from left in front row. Brother Williamson is now pastor at Adamsville, Alabama.

### MINISTERS' CONVENTION OF WASHINGTON, OREGON AND IDAHO

On October 4, the ministers' convention for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, under the leadership of our state overseer, Rev. F. W. Goff, was called to order at the Church of God in Yakima, Washington.

I asked one of the ministers to tell me what he thought of the convention, and he answered that it would be almost impossible to exaggerate its glory and magnitude and the vastness of its spiritual scope. I believe it was the best meeting of any kind that I have been privileged to attend during the nearly seven years I have been in this great Northwest. It seemed that the very air was supercharged with the solemnity of God's presence.

Our youth and Sunday School director, Brother J. D. Thompson, preached on Wednesday evening, and all who heard him were edified and blessed. Our state overseer preached on Thursday evening, and it was one of the most powerful and timely sermons to which I have ever listened. A good state program was inaugurated, and I believe all the pastors went home with determination to put it into effect at their local churches.

A wonderful spirit of fellowship and

love prevailed among the ministers. Pray for our revival here at the Lewiston Church of God. Brother J. D. Thompson is the evangelist. Pray for God to give us a great season of victory and an ingathering of souls.—E. E. Coleman, Lewiston, Idaho.

### REVIVALS

**NEWBERN, Va.**—We praise God for a wonderful revival, with Elizabeth Blankenship Ray doing the preaching. God was present in every service in a wonderful way, and the crowds were good. Sister Ray is certainly a promising young lady for God and His work. She is a very talented pianist and wonderful singer, also. We thank God for our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Sells. They are looking forward to a remarkable success for the church this coming year.—Paul E. Sells, Reporter.

**WURLAND, Ky.**—A wonderful two weeks' revival came to a close Sunday, October 8, at the Church of God in Wurland (Indian Run), Ky., with Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Atkins, of Des Moines, Iowa, in charge. From the first service to the last the presence of God and the Holy Ghost was in our midst. This was the best revival we have experienced here in the past two

years. There were 9 saved, 5 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 6 added to the church. On Sunday, October 8, we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing; one brother received the Holy Ghost in this service. Words fail to express the good that was accomplished during this revival. The saints were greatly encouraged and the entire community blessed. Brother Atkins is a great man of God and one who will be a blessing to your church. Sister Atkins is a wonderful singer and an untiring altar worker. We have built a new church and God is blessing in every department. Pray much for us.—W. G. Lighte, Pastor.

**HOLLYWOOD GROVE, Ga.**—We have just closed a three weeks' revival in a tent on Hollywood Highway in Georgia. A large crowd attended every night. There were 14 saved, 8 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 healed. Brother Robertson, of Toccoa, Ga., set the church in order Sunday, October 1, with 11 members. The evangelist, Sister Margaret Childress, of Piedmont, S. C., was appointed pastor. We are to start a building program soon.—Margaret Childress, Pastor.

We are not saved by our good works, but a saved person will do good works.—Sel.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

# Good Shepherds

By MRS. JOHN F. (EULA MAE) THAMES

In the ministry of Jesus while on earth, we so often find Him taking natural things of life to reveal the hidden mysteries of God, such as saying, "I am the good shepherd," John 10:14. In this He associated Himself with the roughest, toughest kind of a life, in which one faced many heartaches, hardships, and lonely, forsaken hours. The life of a shepherd was neither popular nor desirable, but one which required much careful watching through the night as well as through the day. Therefore, it entailed great responsibility. So it is with the shepherds of God's flocks. Acts 20:28 reads, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Then, the greatest care and preparation should be taken in feeding the flock. In Heb. 13:17, we read, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Were not the faithful shepherds watching their flocks by night when there appeared the angel bringing the message of the Saviour? (Luke 2:8, 9.) There, also, will be thousands of shepherds wide awake to welcome His second coming. Yet, I am persuaded to believe that there will be many who will be like the ones spoken of in Jer. 23:22, "But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings." That is, they could have helped to save lost souls if they had stood for the right. What will be the verdict at the judgment for a shepherd's failure?

There is also the hireling to think of, as in John 10:12, "But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep." The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep. A good shepherd can't afford to run when he sees the wolf coming, but must stand steadfast and shoot him with the Word of God. Don't sneak off and give the wolf (devil) a chance to hide among the sheep, for among God's children is where he is striving to work (Acts 20:30).

No doubt, some will say, "I know the devil." Well, it is good to remember that there are wolves in sheep's clothing, too. Matt. 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." The devil does not come with horns and pitchfork, as some think, but as an angel of light, carrying the Bible and quoting scrip-

ture, but generally putting the wrong interpretation on it. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," 2 Cor. 11:14. This is why there are so many so-called Christians who say we must sin a little every day.

The main goal in a good shepherd's life is to gather in the lost, protect his flock, and feed them food that will make them grow; not kill their appetites by gorging them on the same old thing, but prepare the food on a well-balanced scale so they will grow strong, healthy, and happy, and always be hungry for the next meal. Simon Peter wrote, "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind," 1 Peter 5:2. Some say, "I am afraid I shall kill a lamb." If God has given the message, then what is there to be afraid of? Do you not think He knows how to feed the old and the young? Neither will He injure one feeding the other. The Word preached in love always helps everybody. Isaiah (40:11) prophesied, "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." This, of course, is a prophecy of the coming of Jesus, but is He not our Example?

In 1 Tim. 3:5, we read, "(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" Is this not a question to think about? Paul said in Phil. 1:15, "Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will." In some cases I am afraid there is more thought about what the sheep bring in than is thought about what is fed them. Ezek. 34:2-4, "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them." No wonder Paul said, "Woe be unto me if I preach not the gospel."

The shepherd (the pastor) is not sent to boss, drive, and throw stones, but to lead and point out the way, first examining the bridge himself before rushing the herd across. In 1 Peter 5:3, we read, "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock." In John 10:4,

Jesus said, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." Would you think it very enjoyable should you go to feed a herd of sheep and they refuse to eat, as if to say, "I want what I want or nothing"? Well, that is how the pastor is often treated. Some sniff and snort until they have their way, or almost tear up the church trying, saying they know best, that they have been there longest. That will tie the shepherd's hands, and one who does this is as guilty in God's sight as a black wolf. If they had known best, God would not have called and chosen a shepherd. "And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully," 2 Tim. 2:5. Trying to lead the shepherd is not lawful, for nowhere in God's Word do we find the sheep leading the shepherd. Maybe that's the reason some churches do not prosper any more than they do. What sheep would dare defy God's plan? Sometimes less dictating to the pastor and more praying and obeying will accomplish more, for he is the one God has called, chosen, and anointed to lead the flock, and he needs our help and cooperation.

An idle shepherd has a woe upon him: "Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened," Zech. 11:17. I think Paul gave us the most wonderful challenge when he said, "Woe be unto me if I preach not the gospel." And in 2 Tim. 4:2-4 he said, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." God help us to carefully take heed to this message. **PREACH THE WORD, SEEK THE LOST, FEED THE HUNGRY, COMFORT THE BROKEN-HEARTED,** and be the shepherds to receive the crown at the end of the way, "when the chief shepherd shall appear," and "receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

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# Our Great High Priest

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*Text: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need," Heb. 4:14-16.*

In time past God spoke to His people in different ways by the prophets, but in these last days God speaks to us by His Son. The last days began with the first coming of Jesus Christ, and will end with His second coming to earth with His saints, to set up His thousand-year reign of peace.

I should like to compare our great High Priest with the angels, with Moses, and with the Aaronic priesthood. Jesus Christ is better than the angels in that He is the Son of God, the brightness of His glory, the express image of His person; and Christ upholds all things by His words. Our High Priest has a better name than the angels, for unto which of the angels said He at any time, "Thou art my Son;" this day have I begotten thee? Then, too, God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the birth of Jesus, all the angels worshiped Him. The angels are ministering spirits, but the Son of God is to reign on His throne forever.

Jesus Christ, our blessed High Priest, is better than Moses in that He who buildeth the house is of more glory than the house. Moses was faithful in all his work as a servant, but Christ was faithful as the Son of God, our Sacrifice for sin.

Our blessed Redeemer is also better than the Aaronic priesthood in that the priest of the Aaronic priesthood was taken from among men, and ordained of men, that he might offer sacrifices for the sins of man; but Christ was the only begotten Son of God, a heavenly priest, who offered not earthly sacrifices, but entered into the holy of holies with His own blood as an eternal sacrifice for our sins once and for all.

In the first covenant there were ordinances of divine service and a worldly sanctuary. There was a tabernacle made with hands, wherein was the candlestick, the table, and the shewbread, which was called the sanctuary. After the second veil, there was the tabernacle which is called the holiest of all. The tabernacle had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant, which was overlaid with gold. In the ark were the pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables upon which were written the commandments of God. This was an earthly tabernacle, made with hands, into which the high priest entered alone, once every year, with blood

which he offered for himself and for the sins of the people.

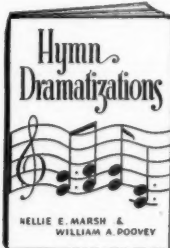
But Christ was called of God; not carnal; not made after the law, for the law was not perfect in that it was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Christ is better than the law in that He is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and is lifted up higher than the heavens.

The priest of the earthly priesthood first offered sacrifices for himself, then for the sins of the people, every year. These priests offered up the blood of bulls and goats, which could not take away sin; but Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, is eternal, without beginning or end—a Priest forever. Christ has an unchangeable priesthood. He offered not a sacrifice for Himself, but, as our High Priest, He offered Himself for the sins of the people once and for all. "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others: for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself," Heb. 9:24-26.

"Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession of them," Heb. 7:25. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation," Heb. 9:28. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

Seeing then that we have such a great High Priest, let us continue in the faith and calling wherewith God has called us to labor for Him. Let us not be as the children of Israel, who, because of unbelief, fell by the wayside, and were made to travel through the wilderness for forty years. "Wherefore seeing we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God," Heb. 12:1, 2. "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need," Heb. 4:14-16.

In closing let me say, may we continue in love and doing the will of God. "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted," Heb. 2:16-18. "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises," Heb. 6:9-12. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God," Heb. 4:9. May the Lord bless you is my prayer.

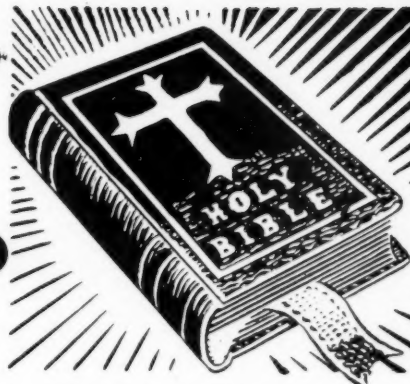


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## THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

By CARL V. HANVEY,  
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When a person says he has sinned away his day of grace or has committed the unpardonable sin, first ask him to explain what he means by such a statement. He may say that he has sinned so grievously, wilfully, and persistently against light and knowledge that there is no further hope for him. Why does he say such? He usually will tell you that he heard a preacher say, "God said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man," and because he has sinned so grievously and turned away the pleadings of the Holy Ghost that God will not strive with him any more. Then, he should be given the true interpretation of this scripture (Gen. 6:3).

Sure, God did say that His Spirit would not always strive with man, but to whom was God talking? about whom was He speaking? and in what period of time did God say these words? Let us consider the entire third verse of the sixth chapter of Genesis. God was speaking words of warning to the antediluvian civilization that had corrupted themselves to the place where the very imagination of the thoughts of their hearts was on evil continually. We find that in verse five of the same chapter. Let us read carefully the entire third verse, "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." The last part of this verse is the key to the real meaning of the entire verse. In verse thirteen we read these words, "And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth," speaking of the flood. Verse seven, "And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." In verse three, God tells us that man also is flesh, that His Spirit will not always strive with him, and that in 120 years he was going to destroy man by a flood, just as He has said that if we, who live today, fail to repent, we

will be cast into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone.

Let us look at a few scriptures to prove that God will receive those who come to Him repenting. 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Consider this verse. If you are without God, then you are lost. And, if you are lost, God is seeking for you. If God is seeking for you, surely He will save you. That is plain enough, isn't it? John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Rom. 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." These scriptures show us that Jesus will receive all that will come to Him confessing, repenting, and believing. Therefore, don't let the devil tell you that you can't be saved. If you are convicted and have a desire to be saved, you can be if you will meet

the conditions—confess, repent, and believe. Don't listen to the devil, for he would have you believe a lie and be damned.

However, do not put off till tomorrow what you can do today. If you neglect and put off and fail to heed the calling of the Holy Spirit, then, just as the antediluvians were destroyed in the flood of God's wrath because they failed to heed the warnings of Noah, so will you wake up in hell if you neglect and put off your soul's salvation until death overtakes you and you are called into the presence of God unsaved. The minister stresses the need of salvation today or tonight because we are not promised tomorrow. So it is very important that you seek God now. But if you have neglected your soul's salvation, don't let the devil make you think you can't be saved or that you have sealed your doom. You can be saved. Seek God now. Remember these words, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

## WHY I CAME TO LEE COLLEGE

To begin with, a little background might help clarify my reasons for attending Lee College.

In the past four years, since graduating from high school, I have been on the trail of trying to find myself. I've always managed to be a bit of a problem child for my parents. However, being very considerate parents, they have tried to understand and have waited for me to make my mind up as to what I wanted out of life. I believe I have found it in Lee College.

As I have stated, I've been out of high school for four years. In that period I've done many different things. The summer after my graduation was the beginning of much wasted time. I suffered a head injury that resulted in a major head operation. This was followed by practically a year of poor health and a bad case of inferiority complex. I could not do anything strenuous for months. I was ashamed of my appearance and I stayed at home. You must know what a circum-

stance of this sort can do to a boy in his green years.

I managed to rid myself of this complex to a degree, and I decided to go to work and support myself. My parents wanted to send me to college, but I felt I shouldn't go because my parents had just been hurt badly in a car wreck and this seemed the wrong thing to do. Besides, I wasn't ready to go, and I felt I didn't need a college education. How little I knew!

My uncle in Washington, D. C., wrote to my parents and told them he would get me work if I would come out East. Seeing no chance of bettering myself at home, I decided to go. I went to work with my cousin in a very large department store. I didn't like it, so I came home.

Upon reaching home, I thought it a wise move to join the Illinois National Guard. I also worked for my father, who is in the cab business. After a few months at this, I decided it was no place or business for me.

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# What Do You Have?

Exodus 4:2

By REV. FLOYD D. CAREY

Moses had at least one of the essential qualities of a good leader, and that was that he was a good follower. We must first learn to obey those who have the rule over us if we are to be good leaders ourselves. God told Moses to take inventory of his physical assets. What a pitiful lack of material wealth was reported unto God—"I have only a rod."

We are prone sometimes to look on the outward appearance rather than on the heart, but God saw the possibilities in Moses and was testing him to see if he would comply with His command without remonstrating. There was a famous Indian chief whose name was Chief Kiutus Tecumseh, a full-blooded Indian from the State of Washington. He owned a vast orchard and grew those delicious "Skookum" apples. He was a highly educated man, having graduated from two great universities. There were two women in conversation on a train on which he was a passenger. He overheard a few words that attracted his attention. One woman said, "That man is an Indian chief." After a bit the lady sat down by his side and asked him, "Heap big chief speak English?" After a period of amused silence in which the lady, by various signs, endeavored to converse with him, he uttered, to her amazement, "Madam, I admit my vocabulary is extremely limited, but I hope after a few more years of diligent effort and persistent study, to be able to carry on a legitimate conversation." Needless to say, she was utterly confounded. From all outward appearances he was just another illiterate Indian, but stored in his head was many years of study.

Moses was all that God needed if he would just yield unto Him. Moses obeyed when God told him to cast the rod on the ground (it became a serpent), even though he was a bit afraid when God told him to grab it by the tail. He obeyed, and it became a rod.

What do you have today? If this question were put to many persons, they would begin to murmur and complain of the hard times they are having, and that they do not have the opportunities others have. Lincoln made good his opportunities and became president. We are living in the greatest age the world has ever known—marvelous inventions, freedom of worship and speech, free schoolbooks, free school lunches in many places, and the power of God as at no other time since the Master empowered the apostle Paul.

Moses led the children out of Egypt, and God was with them to supply their every need—food, water, etc., and their shoes and clothing never waxed old. All of this was because

Moses was a good follower and a great leader.

"What do you have, Simon Peter?" "Why, Lord, I have the greatest catch of fish I have ever had." "That's great, but cast that aside and come and follow me, and I will make you to become a fisher of men." Peter forsook all and went after Jesus. He became a great leader because he was first a great follower. There has never been a general but who, even though he could be classed as a born leader, first learned to be in subjection unto those in rule. Many a good church is ruined because some lay member has a great desire to lead but has never followed. He can always tell the pastor how to do his job better than he is doing it. He is ever ready to give advice to someone on how to succeed in life in any endeavor, but he has made a failure in every undertaking.

"What do you have, David?" "I have courage. That's just about all I have." God said, "That is all you need. I have selected you to be king over Israel and to deliver my people out of bondage." When Goliath defied the armies of Israel, and all the men were terrified by the size of the giant, little David was not afraid. He did not even want the armour of Saul, but went forth in the name of the Lord God of Israel. One little pebble was all he needed to slay the giant and become the greatest man of his day.

"What do you have, widow?" "I have two mites, just about a fifth of a penny, not worth very much." "What will you do with that?" "I will cast it into the treasury but will not let anyone see, as it will be embarrassing if I am detected, since the rich men are casting in great sums." Jesus never considered the great men as they gave in of their abundance, but this poor woman gave all she had, even her living; therefore, it is recorded in the greatest Book the world has ever known, the Bible.

"What do you have, lad?" "I have two little fishes and five loaves of

bread which I have brought along for my lunch." Yet, there were five thousand men, besides women and children, fed by what the little lad had.

"What do you have, widow?" "I have a little oil in a cruse and a handful of meal." "Well, bake a hoe-cake for the preacher." She complied, and the cruse of oil never failed, and the meal in the barrel never wasted.

Today God needs men. The world is in a precarious position. We have hydrogen and atomic bombs and other means of death and destruction. Will that do? No, never! There will never be peace in this world without Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Our final challenge is this: God has the power. All He needs is the man. Will it be you?

## FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Text: 1 Peter 2:21.

Christian, it means something to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

If we follow in His steps, we live a sinless life. "Oh," you say, "but you have to sin a little every day!" No, not if you are a follower of Christ; Christ lived a sinless life. A follower of Christ can be a perfect Christian.

If we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, we shall have love one for another; we shall have a meek and quiet spirit, and be forgiving. Further, if we are followers of Christ, that lowly Nazarene who walked the Judean hills, we shall suffer persecutions, because the Word tells us that "All who live godly shall suffer persecution."

Are we walking in His footsteps? Have we suffered recently for His cause? Do we bear in our bodies the marks of the Crucified One?

Regardless of what the world says about us, if we are following in His footsteps, we are living a perfect, sinless life, a life hid away from the worldly minded and hid in the soft arms of Jesus.

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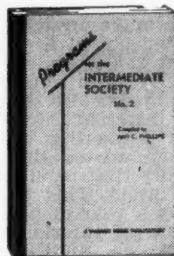
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One night at National Guard meeting our commanding officer inquired as to why I didn't attend a regular Army school through the National Guard. He said that I could learn a trade and also be helping my home unit. I decided to take his advice, and I left for Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, in a short while. I studied to be a machinist. I succeeded in learning a small amount about machinery; but, most of all, I learned I didn't care for the Army.

Last spring found me home again, and I began to feel that I was wasting a lot of valuable time. So, I started thinking. I attended church quite often with my mother. She has been a member of the Church of God for four years. I heard quite a few remarks about Lee College made by the young people with whom I was associated, and the minister had mentioned it quite often in his sermons. I had read some of the literature my mother received from the Church of God, also.

Then, one morning about three weeks ago, it happened. My mother asked me if I should like to attend Lee

College. That was enough for me. I was glad it had been said, but I felt that I didn't deserve such a wonderful chance after all the failures I had succeeded in piling up behind me.

This very moment it is hard for me to realize I am here. Inside my heart I believe this is the real thing for which I have been looking. I feel closer to God by just being here, and I feel as if I am to fill a useful place in life.

I am now a student at Lee College, and I pray God will help me to be a blessing to the world, myself, and Lee College.—Don J. Harris, Benton, Ill.

## Cantwell, Mo., Breaks Ground for New Church

Sunday, September 17, was a great day for the Church of God at Cantwell, Mo.—a day of worship and fellowship. The speaker for the morning service was Rev. J. H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, whose message was appreciated very much. At noon everyone enjoyed an old-fashioned basket dinner.

In the afternoon we assembled on the lots which have been purchased for a new church on Highway 61. Rev. Joseph L. Milligan gave the invocation for the groundbreaking services; the pastor, W. H. Godwin, introduced the speaker, Rev. J. H. Walker; and the benediction was by the pastor of Cantwell Baptist Church, Rev. Arthur Ellis. Immediately following this service we assembled at the church, and at 2:30 enjoyed a message by Rev. Charles Conn, Editor of THE LIGHTED PATHWAY. Following this, Lindsey Pratt brought an inspiring message. Brother Pratt had been our evangelist for the past three weeks. His services were enjoyed and appreciated very much.

The trustees of the church, shown in picture, are: J. M. Dalton, chairman; Thomas Manning, and Doyle Elders. Honorary trustees, not pictured, are: John Jinkerson and Jesse French.

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September 17 was, indeed, a day never to be forgotten, and we hope to be in our new church soon.—Pastor W. H. Godwin.



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